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Unique pumpkin

College president Jacqueline Robarts receives a unique Halloween pumpkin from Gordon Lawson, journalism photography instructor. Gordon's wizardry with a carving knife put the college name and crest on the traditional symbol of the night for witches and ghouls. A close-up of another of Gordon's works in pumpkin flesh may be seen on Page 5 where Brian Tracy, staff writer, puts the hex on giving away goodies to children.

Photo by Joe McCarthy

Hotel club students want investigation

By SANDRA KISH
Staff Writer

John Turner, president of the Student Administrative Council, is looking into charges by Rainbow Centre students that some newly elected members of the Hotel Club behaved improperly in handling club funds and in the appointment for the vice-president position.

John told the students several alternatives could be explored when they spoke with him last Wednesday, in the SAC office. The students did not want themselves identified in the Niagara News; the News has their names, however.

The students told John they are suspicious of club accounting. They said money disappeared during the summer months when no one was on campus, and no receipts are available for bookkeeping.

Cheques are still signed by last year's president though he is not in school, they said. And until a week ago, the club president refused to give the treasurer the books "just in case of emergency."

"Also, the Canadian Food Service Executive Association Jr. Branch is very concerned about not receiving allocation (money) from the Hotel Club," one of the students said.

John was told they wanted to know why a vice-president was appointed by a member of the club, not elected by the student body. Tony Garisto, elected to the position last year, did not take it because he did not return to campus. After runner-up Kent Rice turned it down, Peter Lewis was appointed. He ran for treasurer last year.

The students told John the election was "controversial." It "was a farce," one said. A student who walked into the Hotel Club office had seen the box open, he said. The president and vice-president counted the ballots, they charged.

At press time, the Niagara News had been unable to reach the president of the Hotel Club for comment.

The students said they feel an investigation is warranted. They want an internal audit and an election for the vice-presidency.

"I heard some complaints from a number of students and I am looking into the matter," John said.

Niagara raises $$s for United Way

The Niagara College 1985 United Way campaign committee is working toward meeting a new contribution goal of $15,000, Foster Zanutto, campaign chairman, said.

The college has had enormous success in raising money, he said. Last year the college contributed $13,562 and received the highest award given to an institution, the Gold Award.

"The success is due to the generosity of the people who work here," Mr. Zanutto said. The vast majority of money contributed by Niagara comes from donations from college staff, he said. Student activities co-ordinated by the Student Administrative Council make up the remainder.

Volunteers and staff in United Way-supported agencies depend on donations to continue to work the magic of caring and helping.

People who wish to donate to the United Way can support any regional campaign and can specify agencies that they do not want to support, Mr. Zanutto said.

The committee members for this year's campaign are: Barbara Fonfara, Welland Vale; Mary Catharine Gauvreau and Joan Schwartzkopf, applied arts and health sciences; Carol Takacs, applied science and technology; Sandy Fox, administrative services; Janet Forfar, educational and student services; Uta Haley, business; and Sandy Kamphuis, SAC.

Time flies backward

As the Red Queen said to Alice, sometimes it takes all the running you can do to stay in the same place.

Absent-minded students may have that feeling today.

Thanks to Canadian Sir Sandford Fleming, it was 2 a.m. Sunday twice this weekend — if the clock was turned back one hour. If it wasn't turned back, keep running.

The whole mess happens again in the spring, when the clocks are turned forward one hour.

'Strike Off' buttons, song part of student campaign

LATE BULLETIN — Niagara teachers voted 94 per cent to reject contract offer; voter turnout was 77 per cent.

The Student Administrative Council, along with student councils from all 22 colleges, has started a campaign against any possible repeat of last year's teachers' strike.

The Campaign against the strike started last Wednesday. SAC gave away 1,000 buttons with the slogan, "Strike Off", and 100 records titled, "Let's Get Working Together Once More."

Wayne Willis , executive vice-president, said. "We are not taking sides on the issue, just trying to show how students feel.

"The purpose of the action was to ensure we don't get caught off guard like we did last year, "

The song was written by Mike Wood, a laid-off Stelco worker.

"It is hoped that the record and the button will bring attention to the possibility of a strike even though it seems that sort of action is a long way away," John Turner, SAC president, said.

"With the campaign, we are only trying to keep students informed," John said. "It's hoped students will pick up the newspaper and keep on top of the situation.

SAC did get some complaints from faculty, some of whom thought SAC told the students the Thursday vote was a strike vote, John said. When the buttons were handed out, students were told the vote was for or against a contract offer.

15 new policies for Niagara staff

The Board of Governors approved a "comprehensive package" outlining 15 new policies governing human resource development for staff at Niagara College Oct. 17.

"We're the only college in Ontario with a comprehensive package and a lot of colleges are interested," Jo-Anne Willment, special projects officer, said.

The new human resource portfolio provides three policies for leave of absence and its cost. It contains a travel policy for professional development and a reduced staff fee for continuing education at the college. A work experience policy, available only to faculty in the past, is now offered to support staff and administration. There is a new sabbatical leave policy, a pre-paid leave policy, a retraining policy for lay-off situations and a retirement planning policy.

The new policy was passed after an intense three-year study conducted by the Human Resource Development Committee, Miss Willment said. Jaqueline Robarts, college president, was very pleased with the results and said the study was a "culmination of a lot of work."

To encourage input from all employees, three study groups representing faculty, support staff and administration were formed.

The committee, with Dr. Nora McCardell, executive director of student and educational services, as chairman, was set up to develop a career model which would apply to all employees. It was to review existing policy, identify what policy was meeting the needs, and propose professional development initiatives where necessary, Miss Willment said. Seven policies had existed but only four were used regularly.

Under the new policy all staff go through three stages in their career. During the early career phase new full-time college employees undergo formal orientation and facullty certification. In the mid-career phase staff need access to education and training, the committee decided. Staff also need opportunity for alternative work experience and on-the-job training. College employees must have access to training on new equipment, Miss Willment said. The final career phase is the established career phase.

JIM PRINGLE
Senate President

The Welland Vale Senate, chosen by acclamation Sept. 25, has organizing more activities and opening communications with the main campus as their two main goals.Jim Pringle, single picture, replaces Betty Kuruziak as senate president. "My purpose is to get the students involved so they can look forward to coming to school the next day," Jim said. "The reward of seeing the students getting involved is a real thrill to me." Joining Jim on the senate from left to right bottom row, are Debbie Luken, assistant chairperson of events, Melissa Mitchell, treasurer, and Donna Wood, secretary. Second row, George Sinclair, executive chairman of events, Fred Martin, treasurer, and Mark Williston, vice president.

Photo by Steve Forbes

Technique paramount in successful job hunt

By BRIAN TRACY
Staff Writer

To obtain an edge over other job applicants it is important to positively differentiate yourself in applications and interviews, a manager from Consumers' Distributing told retail management students at Niagara College Oct. 3.

In an address on the do's-and-dont's of applications and interviews, Tony Rizzuto, manager of Niagara Falls Consumers' Distributing, said even putting an application in a folder may set it apart from others.

When an applicant is being interviewed, Mr. Rizzuto said formal dress impresses even for starting positions. "Dressing well at an interview puts forth a message of respect for yourself as well as the employer."

Starting with the job application Mr. Rizzuto said the address of the retail store's head office should be found and the application be delivered there or to the person directly responsible for hiring. "Bringing your application in to them can open a few eyes and doors."

The most basic advice he could give was to make applications legible. After all, "if you can't read them, you can't use them," he said.

Switching to interviews Mr. Rizzuto said the applicant should find out as much about the company as reasonable before the interview, prepare some questions to ask, be on time and attend as many interviews as possible. "You can gain a lot of experience from interviews, gradually becoming more confident and at ease, capable of answering questions to tell a person what you can do for him," he said. Being knowledgeable about the business, and having questions ready shows eagerness and a degree of interest that is noticed.

Above all, Mr. Rizzuto said the proper attitude is necessary in entering the interview. The applicant must be confident and feel like a winner, he said. And he must be positive. "A positive outlook aids success, a negative outlook guarantees failure."

Mr. Rizzuto gave a list of what not to do in regard to applications and interviews. He said not to pick up application forms with a friend. It may show insecurity and often leads to the application being dismissed. "If two friends or two brothers both apply for the same job, I tend to file them out," he said. If one of them got the position over the other it would create tension and ill feeling.

He told students not to be turned off by rejection and to learn from the experience. He said to keep at it, to keep trying.

Before discussion Mr. Rizzuto had some thoughts on the initial jobs and salaries of graduates of the retail management program. He said not to be concerned at the starting trainee salaries. "After all, you do have to start somewhere," he said. Besides, "success must be measured from the amount of satisfaction you derive from what you do," and not the salary or position.

Photo contest open to all

Photographer's Forum magazine is offering more than $3,400 in cash for winning photographs in the sixth annual College Photo Contest for the United States and Canada.

Two grand prizes of $750 will be awarded for best color print or slide and best black and white print. There will be two $500 second prizes, two $350 third prizes, 10 $25 fourth prizes and 100 honorable mentions.

Early entries, postmarked before Oct. 31, pay a fee of $2.75 per photograph entered. Regular entry, postmarked before Nov. 30, pays $3.75 per photograph entered.

Finalists will be notified by Feb. 7 and winners will be notified by Feb. 16. All entries are to be sent to Photographer's Forum, 614 Santa Barbara St., Department C, Santa Barbara, Calif., 93101.

Whodunits' workshop

Aspiring fiction writers can meet and have their work criticized by some of the leading names in Canadian publishing at the Ross Macdonald Mystery Writing weekend Nov. 16 and 17 at the Waterloo Inn in Waterloo.

Participants will submit up to 30 double spaced pages of their work which can be excerpts from a short story or novel or a detailed outline, synopsis or plot.

The manuscript will be forwarded to a publisher who will read the work and make notes. An editor will write out a full reader's report and give the work an hour of stylistic and structural editing, line by line.

"The idea of the conference is too give hands-on tips and advice on how to make your manuscript publishable," Jill Fox, publicity organizer, said.

Publishers and editors scheduled to participate include John Pearce, president of Irwin Publishing; Janet Turnbull, vice president of Seal Books; Cynthia Good, editorial director of Penguin Books and Greg Ioanna, president of Freelance Editors Association of Canada.

A banquet will be held on the evening of Saturday, Nov. 16. After dinner, the best excerpts will be read and voted upon by everyone. Certificates and prizes will be awarded to the winners.

A $55 attendance fee which includes the banquet is required ($75 with a manuscript). Submissions are due before Oct. 31.

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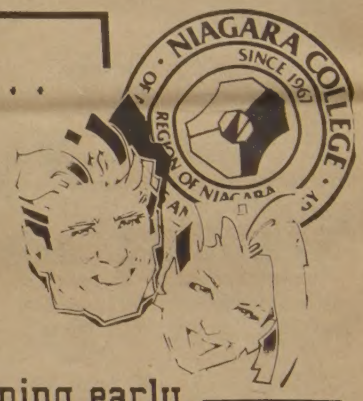

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Out of ancient ruins

Students construct a corbelled arch out of rock found in the storage yard at the back of the school. The arch was built to demonstrate ancient Mayan Indian Architectural techniques to students in the Mysteries of the Mayas elective. Inside the arch, Sherry Lee, right, Ian McArthy, left, Ray Blanchette.
Photo by Wayne Nicholls

Undergoes surgery

Albert Costello, plant operating engineer for Niagara College, underwent a 6½ hour operation to repair two deep aneurysms in his brain on Monday, Oct. 22.

Mr. Costello was responsible for Niagara College's heating and cooling systems. He was rushed to St. Catharines General Hospital on Friday, Oct. 11.

The CT scan located the spot of the aneurysm. It was not until surgery was performed that doctors discovered the presences of two deep aneurysms.

Mr. Costello is in "stable and guarded condition," in the intensive care unit.

Janet Costello said her husband knows his name and "if all goes well...", he will be able to return to work within a few months.

Tourism centre report now goes to board

A $40,000 feasibility study for a proposed tourism/hospitality centre for Niagara College will be presented to the Board of Governors next month.

The report will include a site choice for the centre, building equipment requirements, a color rendering of the project and an assessment of the total cost of the centre.

Hans van der Slagt, dean of the school of business, said the centre would place all tourism and hospitality programs under one roof.

He said the consulting firm conducting the study is also looking at the possibility of including the Theatre Arts program in the hospitality centre proposal.

The firm of Marshall, Macklin and Monaghan has held a series of meetings with the steering committee of the college to finalize goals, objectives and procedures for the centre.

The steering committee comprises college administrators, businessmen in the hospitality industry, government officials, a Niagara College student and faculty member. Bill Ford of the board of Governors is chairman of the committee.

Surveys completed by major tourism and hospitality industry operators are being studied to determine the best educational concept for the centre.

The study is financed by the ministry of tourism, the city of Niagara Falls and the college.

Hard rock

FM radio may come to Region

Niagara students are being asked to sign a petition to support a joint effort by three radio stations to locate a hard rock FM station in the Niagara Region.

CHOW, CJRN and CHIN, a Toronto ethnic station, have an application before the Canadian Radio Television and Telecommunications Commission to have the station in operation by next September or October, Gordon Burnett, president and general manager of CHOW radio, said.

"We intend to hire Niagara, Brock and high school students to report school sports and upcoming events," Mr. Burnett said.

The Student Administrative Council was asked to distribute the petition throughout the school and return it to the radio station before Nov. 1 so preparations for the hearings beginning Dec. 1 can be made.

LET CRTC KNOW

"We need the petition so we can let the CRTC know that young people want a rock station in the Niagara peninsula," Mr. Burnett said. "The CRTC is a government board aware of public sentiment."

If the station is allowed to operate, it will be located on Highway 20, near Highway 406. It will be geared to the 12-34 age group and will have a side band channel serving the ethnic community.

The station is planning to use the students on the air for five hours on Saturday and Sundays. "They will be chosen by the Student Administrative Council and will go on the air with their own programs and music choices," Mr. Burnett said.

"We will also have to hire about 25 people to work in the news room and other functions of the radio station if the thing gets approved."

College bookstore only following policy

By NANCY ROACH
Staff Writer

College books are "terribly expensive" but Niagara can do nothing about it.

Mary Cunningham, bookstore supervisor, sympathizes with students, but said prices have soared in light of high American exchange rates. Most texts are American because Canadian books are scarce.

"We follow the policy and procedure developed by the college when the bookstore first opened," she said. Books are priced following the suggested list price. "I can understand students getting upset at the price of books," she said. Maybe instructors can take a better look at what they're buying."

Gary LaRose, executive director of administrative services, said, "Our intention is to make them (books) as affordable to the students as possible."

ONLY BREAKS EVEN

The college does not intend to make money from the bookstore, Mr. LaRose said. "Our goal is to hope the bookstore breaks even."

It is impossible for the bookstore to get in to second-hand book selling because many publishers come out with new editions each year, Mrs. Cunningham said.

Last year the bookstore did close to $1 million in sales. Less than 10 per cent profit was made but this money offsets vital services given to the bookstore at no charge, Mr. LaRose said. The college charges no rent, pays for lighting and heating, does all bookkeeping and accounting, and puts up money for an inventory that sits at about $200,000.

In effect, whatever discount (usually between five and 20 per cent) is given to the bookstore by wholesalers is kept by the college to offset the cost of services and utilities, he said.

"We say that the bookstore runs at no profit because these services that a normal store would have to pay exceed the profit they make," Mr. LaRose said. "Our gross profit would be lower than any business."

The Ministry of Colleges and Universities does not allow the college to put money into the bookstore. "It has to operate on its own," he said. Consequently, the store is responsible for salaries, shipping costs and advertising. They must also pay for supplies, equipment and equipment maintenance.

Other supplies such as T-shirts, mugs, and stationery supplies are sold at competitive prices.

Upgrading leads to graduation

Seventeen of 23 students have successfully completed an upgrading program at Niagara College to become Nursing Assistants. They wrote their final exam in Toronto Oct. 18.

At the request of Welland County General Hospital, job-threatened employees took the nursing assistant program sponsored by the Canada Employment Centre.

Health care aides and hospital orderlies had to upgrade to a nursing assistant because their jobs are being eliminated at WCGH, Joyce Noren, development officer, continuing education services, said. The program, started in September last year, was not completed until Oct. 16. "It was delayed because of last year's teachers' strike," Mrs. Noren said.

The 17 successful graduates are: Martha Allan, Donald Bradley, John Charette, Frances Chindemi, Ted Chojnicki, Susan Clark, Diane Coles, Michael Gale, Pat Harris, Richard Horne, Judith Miller, Maria Paron, Colleen Perrine, Elida Saumure, Kathleen Sockovie, Victoria Yarema, and Jan Youngblut.

Main campus mystery to health care aides

By HOLLY FUGARD
Staff Writer

Mount Carmel, on Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, is a serene place of retreat. It is where students attend the health care aide and hospital orderly programs. These students, part of the Niagara College family through Continuing Education, feel they are left out by the main campus.

For the 19 health care aide students at Mount Carmel, campus life and the activities of the Niagara College community remain a mystery.

"We know nothing about the college itself," one student said. "We think the main campus should send us a news letter so we know what's going on."

The students feel segregated from the main campus, Bev Gorman, class representative, said. The students think they should get some kind of notification telling them about what is going on, where and when it is taking place.

The health care aides program is geared to provide care to the elderly. Students have to be prepared to work under the supervision of a doctor or registered nurse. They help residents in long term or chronic care.

The hospital orderly program is designed to let students perform selected basic nursing care to male patients under the direction of registered nursing personnel.

Although the health care aide program class turnovers are three times a year and the hospital orderly program twice a year the students want to be a part of main campus life.

Everyone benefits from peer tutoring

Students having problems with their school work might want to look into the peer tutoring program offered through Niagara College's Counselling services. Duane Orr, a counsellor in charge of peer tutoring, said the program has been successful in the past for both the student and the tutor.

Before a student can qualify to be tutored, he must first be recommended by a teacher. Mr. Orr said this is to let the teacher know he is having problems and if the student isn't doing well because he isn't showing up for class, then the teacher won't recommend him.

"We're not there to be a crutch," Mr. Orr said.

FAMILIAR STUDENTS

Tutors in the program have usually been through the subject before and have done well, so they are familiar with the subject. The counselling office is looking for tutors and applications are available at the office.

There is no cost for the student if he is enrolled in a day program; tutors are paid $5.50 an hour. Funding comes from the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) and the Student Administrative Council. Mr. Orr said SAC has been generous in providing funds and all money is "carefully monitored so it is not abused." Students should be on OSAP if they want to qualify as a tutor.

Tutoring usually lasts an average of two or three sessions but can take longer if the problem is deeper. Sometimes a tutor may have trouble with a student or vice versa so new arrangements have to be made.

The counselling office does a survey of the tutors and students and the results are usually positive. Tutors find its great work experience for job resumes and it is a cultural experience if the students' first language is not English. Many students thought they would have failed if a tutor had not helped them.

Interested students may visit the counselling office or telephone extension 778.

Editorials

Relax, enjoy spirit!

The next time you're running through the hallway with tests, exams and deadlines on the brain, take a few minutes to stop and be part of the special atmosphere at Niagara College.

Mellow guitar strummings filter through the air; a hot-and-heavy euchre game attracts a crowd; the luscious smell of chocolate and spices draws students to a bake sale table; coffee and chatter are constant companions in the lounges.

College life does not consist only of lessons, study and tests. Learning how to unwind, relax, cope with stress and strike a balance between work and play is invaluable in school — and life.

The easy-going, friendly attitude of students here deserves most of the credit for creating such an atmosphere. Whether sports, pubs, or just hanging around is what they enjoy most, they do it with style!

Other contributors to the "Niagara way" are teachers, college staff and even the architecture of the buildings.

Most instuctors are friendly, helpful and easy to approach. They don't talk down to the students and sincerely want to work with them and discuss their views.

The same can be said for the cafeteria staff, custodians, audio-visual technicians, secretaries, counselling, SAC, and the list goes on.

Buy a chocolate-chip cookie from the bake table and flirt with the salesperson; cough up a quarter and try your luck at PAC-MAN; sit down and listen to the tunes of our resident guitarists; raise an eyebrow or two — just keep on being a happy crowd and enjoy it while you're here!

Heather Ritchie

Stop polluting air

Are we really a nation (of bitchers and) professional complainers? Are we raised to it as a part of the national heritage or a part of proper Canadian etiquette? How else can one explain the tendency of some people to cry wolf or foul but do nothing about it?

Why do some students complain the college doesn't offer enough activities yet fail to participate on their own? Why do some students complain about the pub situation but keep their mouths shut when the person they should be talking to is around? Why don't students take complaints to the Student Administrative Council or the administration?

Some students outdid themselves during the teachers' strike. Complaints and criticisms became a part of every conversation. Yet, when the zero hour approached, only a handful signed the petition sent to the minister of education, only a handful attended the student rallies. It seemed many students preferred to expend their energies on the do-nothing course of discourse.

If students have legitimate complaints, they should go to the appropriate department and talk to someone about them. If students feel campus activities are insufficient or uninteresting, they should tell SAC, not just their friends. Talk to the teacher who gives a major assignment the same week seven others are due. Talk to the student who keeps all his lunches from three weeks ago in his locker beside yours. Tell the financial aid officer you have been living in the park for three days and the government assessment of your economic situation is wrong.

The right word in the right place can sometimes work wonders.Students should complain if they are not willing to follow through with action of some kind. There is enough air pollution going on without adding to it.

Sandra Kish

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Bullpit

No treats for tots

By BRIAN TRACY
Staff Writer

Halloween should be abolished.

There are the practical reasons for this: poisoned popcorn, needles in apples and children being hit by cars. There are incidents of this sort every year. These in themselves perhaps would not be enough to warrant doing away with the event, but there is a more basic reason.

Why should children be taught they can get something for nothing? They are even told that if they don't receive a treat they are entitled to wax windows, throw eggs or worse. Not that these actions are the rule, but, as the saying goes, "Trick or treat!"

And it isn't only Halloween. Every year Boy Scouts or cubs hold bottle drives or apple sales. Another case of receiving something for little or nothing. Scouting is undoubtedly a good thing for boys, but let them raise money in ways that teach them to give something for what they receive. Let them ask to help clean the yard or to bag leaves, something constructive.

Halloween and bottle drives are not major issues but why encourage them?

HERE AT LAST

The long wait is over for those people in the college patiently waiting for the three-volume set of Mel Hurtig's Canadian Encyclopedia. The one set the college ordered finally arrived. It is out on the shelf now in the reference department.

Letter: Students angry; 'not represented'

Dear Editor:

As a student who has gone to the IEEE convention the two times that it has been held in the last three years, I feel that we the students, were not represented in the proper light in the articles that appeared in the last issue of the Niagara News.

The article contained several quotes from people who are involved in the convention, but no quotes from students. If you asked some students about their feelings about the show, I am sure that you would find some complaints from them as well.

As a student, I would like to reply to some of the things said in the article about us. For example, to the quote about students taking literature and then dumping it on the way out, I would say that this is not the case with all students. I and my friends who have gone to the convention have taken several pieces of literature and we still have most of it in one place or another, mostly being used as a reference as it was meant to be.

The next item is rather absurd. To ask students to research the companies that will be displaying their wares at these shows would be a massive task. The show was designed to display the products of a company for a group of people to see. Note that I do not say a group of engineers, because, though most of the people there were engineers, their field of work cannot possibly cover everything found at the convention. There is far too much displayed there for any one person, with the exception of a teacher, or other such professional, to have knowledge of more than a few things. To expect that students will be far above this is more than one should expect.

The only other major complaint from students is the fact that when the people in charge of the display see that you are a student, they forget all forms of politeness and courtesy. A student will be rudely told to go elsewhere, if they are lucky. In some cases, students are just ignored, maybe with the hopes that they will go away.

The only time students are talked to is the time a salesperson thinks that they are in a business, a form of deception most often practised by students, or when that salesperson is bored.

Not all salespeople are like this, for there are some who take a genuine interest in the student, but these people are few and far between. Most will ignore a student if they do not see a possible sale. I would just like to say in the defence of students that we are not all that these people quoted in the article make us out to be. There are some students who are like this, but they are the exception rather than the rule at this college. It would pay the salespeople well to remember that a student today might be a buyer for a company tomorrow and most will remember the treatment received by the company representative at shows such as this.

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Focus On Felix Voskullen

Music of the heart

By ELIZABETH LeREVEREND
Staff Writer

When most people visit New York, they go to see Times Square, Central Park and the Empire State building. When Felix Voskullen goes there, he visits the churches — not just out of a spiritual need, but to see their pipe organs.

No stranger

Mr. Voskullen, 30, of Niagara Falls is no stranger to an audience, but he is strange to some of them. Dubbed the Phantom of Jepson Street by his neighbors, he has played the church organ at the Rehoboth Christian Reform Church on Jepson Street for 10 years and on a Baldwin electric theatre organ in his living room for 11.

Felix's church-hopping has taken him to the Riverside Church in New York for its Easter service for the last five years. Other favorites are the York Baptist in Toronto and the Washington Cathedral in Washington, D.C., which, with 10,000 pipes, is one of the largest in the United States

Felix has visited more than 300 churches to see their organs and compare notes with the organists. Sometimes he can convince the organist to let him try out their instrument, a real treat in the larger churches.

Felix is trying to raise $20,000 to repair the Rehoboth organ. It has air leaks and needs tuning, problems not noticeable to the average person, but to Felix, it matters.

He has started a "birthday fund" to raise the money — members donate money and in return have a favorite hymn played for birthdays or special occasions.

An organist should be "in communion with the people" when he plays, Felix said. Because it "touches the hearts of people," the organ is his favorite instrument.

Own style

Felix prefers to develop his own style rather than give a dry, technical rendition of a piece of music. "It's the way you interpret the music and reflect its intention that is important."

Neighbors walking by often hear an effusion of Bach's Toccata in F major or one of Felix's original compositions. Many stop to watch him play, especially the children.

A church organist should interpret the intention of a piece of music, to be "in communion" with his audience, organist Felix Voskullen says. Mr. Voskullen plays at the Rehoboth Christian Reform Church in Niagara Falls.
Photo by Wayne Nicholls

Once a victim of stage fright, Felix now is used to the attention he gets. The showmanship of Virgil Fox, the "guru of organists," is an inspiration to him. He also strives for the technical perfection of E. Power Biggs.

Most teenagers save up money for a car, but Felix saved money to buy an organ. Now, while most people are out doing other things, Felix is at his organ, experimenting and striving to touch people's hearts because "that's what music is for."

GM helps '85 grads

It is bad enough that students have to scrape up the money to pay for tuition fees and accommodations let alone a car. But help is on the way.

General Motors of Canada has developed a graduate financing plan for qualified 1985 graduates that makes new vehicles more affordable.

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"Most banks want a 25 per cent down payment," Marg Teather, Neil Pontiac Buick, finance department, said. "It is a good plan because you don't need any previous credit, you don't need a co-signer and you don't have to be established."

Students who graduate from university, college or community college, from a three-year or more degree before April 30, 1986, are eligible for the plan. Graduates must have a copy of their diploma and a letter from an employer guaranteeing their employment within two months of graduation.

The program applies to all GM passenger cars and light duty trucks and to some low-mileage used vehicles like dealer-owned demonstrators. "It also applies to cars that are on sale," Mrs. Teather said.

Letter

Thanks, Don

Dear Editor:

I wish to publicly express my gratitude to Don Currie, co-ordinator of the management labour relations program, for the time and personal expense in transporting a guest lecturer, Orlo Miller, from Brantford to Niagara College. Mr. Miller, who has severe emphysema at 75 years of age, would probably not have made the trip if Don had not been so kind.

The altruism of Don's actions can be seen in its true light when it is realized that the guest lecturer's topic was the Maya Indians of Antiquity and thus had no bearing whatsoever on Don's program.

Gene Maltais

Bright side: Candy apples, popcorn and pumpkins greet gobblins, ghosts and clowns

By JACKIE FOSTER
Staff Writer

In less than four days, as night falls, small groups of children in costumes from sheet-clad ghosts to more creative cabbage patch kids will race from house to house chanting the familiar Halloween "Trick or treat" rhyme.

As the minutes pass, sparsely lit street lights grow brighter in attempts to guide the scurrying creatures.

Approaching the homes, excited children are met with a glowing light coming from a round orange friend sitting upon the porch steps. With jagged teeth and round eyes, the pumpkin is as friendly as a welcome mat.

Blowing in the chilling winds, chocolate and gum wrappers scatter the streets. The children race from door to door in a frenzy to fill their bags before their waiting parents can call a close to the night.

Candy apples

Outside the neighborhood grandmother's house, a line forms; it is the only house where candy coated apples can be found. A plump red-nosed clown racing from the front of the line will sneak back into the line in hopes of another sweet hard candy apple.

An angel crying to her parent about the big bad monster who stole her candy carrier sits on a nearby curb. A forgotten UNICEF box lies beside her foot.

Slowly, lights denoting candy can still be found , begin flickering off within minutes of one another. The streets become quiet as ghouls hesitantly return home hand in hand with their thankful parents.

Fierce winds

The wind outside begins to pick up with a fierce twist. The trees begin to blow in warning and the glowing pumpkins are blown. Behind a large oak tree a shadow lurks.

Little ghosts

Little ghosts and goblins are safely tucked in bed, their Halloween night ended.

But nearby a screech is heard from an old abandoned house. In the silence the front door creaks open.

The witching hour has begun — and deep from underground caverns the real witches and goblins prepare to emerge.

Dark side: Welland police ready for ghoulish pranks

By MONTE SONNENBERG
Staff Writer

It is the one night of the year dedicated to the nether reaches of the macabre. They come out from everywhere: ghosties, ghoulies, beasties of every stripe. It is a night of frivolous whimsy to some, but not to others, as it is wvident everywhere the police are out in force.

With every available unit on patrol, police hope a visible presence Halloween night will encourage motorists to take extra caution when they drive, Acting Inspector Joseph Newburgh said Oct. 21.

"Our primary concern is for the children," Insp. Newburgh said. Between the peak trick or treat hours of 4 p.m. and 9 p.m., children are most vulnerable at duck when visibility on the roads is at its worst.

Strong presence

"We encourage youngsters going out on Halloween to wear something bright," Insp. Newburgh said. "Something reflective would be ideal."

A strong police presence is credited with keeping Welland comparatively sedate in past Halloweens" he said.

"I think it's because the public is more aware of the extra patrols."

Halloweens occurring on the weekend poses added problems, however, as the ranks of the partiers swell, Insp. Newburgh said.

There is a darker side to Halloween beyond the fascination with spirits and monsters. This concerns the perennial tragedy of adulterated candies and spiked fruit. Once or twice a year there are reports of apples laced with razor blades or pins, Insp. Newburgh said. Parents are encouraged to inspect their children's plunder before it's eaten.

So have a safe and scary time. But beware! Silver bullets, crosses and wooden stakes are still not standard issue for police on Halloween night.

Halloween special

Boo!!!

AFTER NIGHTFALL

It's after nightfall and the town is too afraid to sleep
Because the sense of horror here has sunk in far too deep;
Nightfall: When the evening sky turns black as primal sin,
And all the doors in town are locked to keep the people in.

It's after nightfall but the moon has not begun to rise
To cast its pearly whitening light across the troubled skies;
Upon the people fear has settled like a clutching hand,
And only I am brave enough to walk upon the land.

It's after nightfall and the folk begin to settle down,
And at last sleep descends upon the quiet little town.
And I am ready and able to laugh at the way that they behave,
After nightfall when I rise out of my fresh-dug grave.

Chris Mooney

These people aren't trying to dig their way down to China, they are just preparing a tree for movement. Gerry Vanderlee and Gerard Parker, second-year horticultural technician students, work under the advisement of instructor Don Papple, left, to wrap the root structure for transport. Student Russell Murray looks on from the back edge of the hole. Though second-year students did not make it to China, 32 of them went to New York and Pennsylvania two weeks ago to tour estates and botanical gardens, and to see what life is really like in big cities like New York.

Photo by Sean Condon

Horticulture students discover 'paradise in middle of hell town'

New York City wasn't what Ted Berdowski expected. "There was garbage everywhere, graffiti everywhere, people everywhere...it was a regular rat race."

Ted was one of 32 second-year horticultural technician students who were on a trip two weeks ago to see the estate properties and botanical gardens of the Pennsylvania-New Jersey area. He was not the only one who found the first day's travels through the Big Apple to be "a definite high point of the trip."

Lorraine Andrew said the city streets were "just like a sea of yellow cabs. And the people--they were all dressed up in nice dresses...and they'd be wearing running shoes and bobby socks."

"It was like a larger version of Buffalo," Ted said.

Lorraine said the group's visit to the New York Botanical Gardens was "like a paradise in the middle of a hell town." Even there, visitors were advised to travel in pairs.

CITY PROBLEMS

Dave Sowers and Rob Gagen were impressed with the people and places at Independence National Park in Philadelphia.

"There were very nice, friendly people there," Dave said. "The guides at the park taught us the problems with city forestry. Things like insects, vandals, pollution and lighting problems from tall buildings."

The students said the real highlight of the tour was the one-day visit to Longwood Gardens near Philadelphia, the largest botanical gardens in the United States. "The collection of trees and the landscaping were outstanding," Rob said.

Gary Bonde was attracted to the series of fountains on the grounds of Longwood. His only disappointment was that all of them were not running. "They have water restrictions in Pennsylvania."

The five students said they were very happy with the way Peter Mansfield, co-ordinator of horticulture, organized the trip. Some wished they could have had more free time at each of the gardens.

"I could have handled staying for a couple of more days," Lorraine said.

The trip cost each student $80 for five days of travel and the hotel stays. Mr. Mansfield chaperoned the trip with instructor Peter Thompstone and George Blazetich, chairman of horticulture and adult basic education.

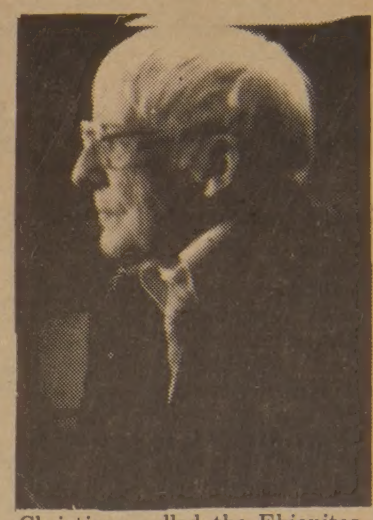
Volunteers practice

The Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre (CARSA) will begin an eight-week course Monday, Nov. 4, to train volunteers on how to counsel those who have been raped, sexually assaulted, or incestuously abused.

The course is introduced with films, discussions, quizzes, role playing for practice to help volunteers in their counselling and listening skills. The course is offered twice a year.

Reader Orlo Miller now writes on Mayas

By ELLEN RODGER
Staff Writer



Orlo Miller remembers the day vividly. At the time he was a very sick 15-year-old, one of the first patients of the then new War Memorial Children's Hospital in London.

A friend of the family had come every Saturday to visit, bringing with him books. Not the kind of books he liked, but books like Tom Swift, books boys his age were supposed to read. This Saturday was different. This visit brought something he liked — a book on ancient civilizations.

Mr. Miller, today a renowned historian, journalist, and author of several books including two on the Black Donnellys, spoke to students, teachers and admirers at Niagara Oct. 16.

The book his visitor brought him was Ancient Civilizations in the New World, by A. Hyatt Verrill. He read it voraciously, proclaiming when he finished, "Some day I'm going to write a book about that too."

That was November, 1924. Many years later The Day Spring, the story of the unknown apostle to the Americas, was published. The book was a culmination of years of research and study of the Maya Indians of North and Central America.

Mr. Miller, 75, an Anglican minister, has visited the land of the Maya "dozens of times" each time with the same fascination in its people. His book expresses the theory that group of Europeans visited and settled among the native people of North and Central America at about the year 116 AD. This theory is reinforced by the change in religious patterns in the natives of the Americas at about that time.

Mr. Miller believes the Europeans who visited were really an offshoot group of Judaö-Christians called the Ebionites. He believes the Ebionites, separated by their religious beliefs from both the Jewish religion and the Christian faith, set forth across the Atlantic, were pushed by the equatorial current and landed in Vera Cruz.

tect the Ebionite influence had on the Maya from the legend of the feathered serpent to modern day Yucatan Mexico.

Mr. Miller said he probably got into more trouble with The Day Spring than with any of his other books — "The Day Spring is speculation."

The book aroused controversy throughout the archeological profession. "The Royal Ontario Museum archaeological staff condemned it." Mr. Miller said, "Thev did not like its speculative nature; archaeology is a closed discipline field." In fact the most he could get from anyone knowledgeable on the subject was "an approval in principle."

Mr. Miller went on despite the controversy and today writes and lectures on a wide range of subjects but his true love and interest are still in reading, writing and speaking on ancient civilizations like the Maya.

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Travel

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Beaches, ski slopes, Europe all holiday hot spots

Travel holds a special, exciting allure for students — but only during those magical times of the year when all restrictions are lifted. Set free in December, February and April, they gather by the thousands at the one spot which is known instinctively by each to be the perfect destination.

Many students use the Christmas season to hit the slopes of their favorite ski hills, thunder through forest paths on snowmobiles or skate designs into newly frozen ponds.

The most popular spot for those frolicking scholars is Mont Ste. Anne, Quebec, five Niagara College tourism students said.

Maureen Sheppard, Walter Sergejew, Mary Ann Stojkiewicz, Carol Brown and Michaela Philliskirk, in their second year, said many trips are planned at the spur of the moment. Cheaper travel arrangements can often be made this way.

Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is the choice of most when spring break arrives, and for those adventurous few who backpack through Europe upon graduation, Greece is the country that none will miss.

After visions of ski slopes, palm trees and continental charm — then a waning bank book, reality might slap a few in the face saying "think again."

Try thinking about Niagara and the surrounding area. It offers a great variety of sights and activities which can be just as entertaining and enjoyable as a more distant, exotic place if enough time is taken to seek them out.

Whether braving the elements of a frosty Monte Ste. Anne, basking in the deep, penetrating rays of a Fort Lauderdale sun, revelling in the wonders of ancient Greek ruins or discovering the treasures of local Ontario, travel is an adventure every student can enjoy.

Ontario

Fish through ice, ski down slopes, blaze new trails

Sure, go skiing in Vermont and New York State. Take your hard earned Canadian dollars over the border. Or try to keep it in the family and go to Quebec. Travel over hill and dale to find the perfect slopes and miss the ones right under your nose.

Ontario can be a feast of activities, events and adventures for those interested in looking for them. One does not have to look far to find it either.

Skiing, a popular sport, does exist in Ontario. There are several resort areas nearby. The Blue Mountain resort in Collingwood is Ontario's largest. It offers two areas with 250 metre verticals, 30 runs up to 2.4 kilometres in length, a dozen chair lifts, shops, rental facilities, nursery service, night skiing and hotel accommodations. Economical ski packages for the less financially endowed are available.

Within an easy drive of Toronto, there are nine other areas that offer a complete range of ski facilities: Caledon, Mansfield, Bolton, Kirby, Milton, Dagmar, Kitchener, Kawarthas and Loretto.

Nordic skiing is gaining popularity. A variety of trails and terrains is found in the province.

Some of Ontario's hottest fishing takes place during the winter's coldest months, A Guide To Winter In Ontario says. Ice-fishing can begin as early as New Year's Day on northern lakes, and continue until mid-March. Lake Erie is a fishing crowd favorite. Ice-fishermen catch walleye whitefish, northern pike, lake trout, rainbow trout, perch and herring.

Crisscrossing the countryside are networks of trails for snowmobilers. Resorts, marinas, and some hotels rent out machines. Clubs have instructors, guides and programs of events.

Winter can be fun in Ontario too. Getting away from it all does not have to mean crossing the border.

It's a whopper!

Moonlight romance

Beaches

America's Venice

It is easy to get to and impossible not to enjoy once you arrive. Fort Lauderdale is a seaside city on the east coast of Florida and its principal business is tourism. Because of the vast network of canals and waterways, it is called "The Venice of America."

Fort Lauderdale Beach tempts tourists with water skiing, windsurfing, sailing, beachcombing and sun bathing.

The city has everything a tourist could want. The famous Las Olas Boulevard is lined with fashionable shops and boutiques. Saks Fifth Avenue is on Sunrise Boulevard. During the day the city offers golf, tennis,, fishing, jai-alai, racing, shopping, and dining delights at more than 1,000 restaurants. But Fort Lauderdale is renowned for its nightlife, and that is when tourists really enjoy themselves.

Mont Ste. Anne

Wintery Quebec at its best

Dare to ski down a 2,050-foot mountain on one of its 30 alpine trails. Drive yourself to the limit over 109 miles of cross country trails. Enter the city, a magical night-world of charm, mystique and savoir faire.

Mont Ste. Anne near Quebec City is the place to be during Christmas vacation.

The largest ski area in eastern Canada, it has often been chosen for world cup competition. There are 11 novice trails, six intermediate and 13 expert — something for everyone.

A total trail length of 31 miles is serviced by 15 lifts, which can accommodate 13,700 skiers per hour.

Quebec City, a mixture of cobblestoned history, French cuisine and upbeat bands and dancing, is a place for new experiences and fond memories.

A trip to the "Mont" will surely be one of exhilarating change and welcomed exhaustion.

Greece: *land of Gods and heroes*

Mingle in a quaint open-air taverna, gaze in wonder at the golden treasures of Mycenae or soak up the sun on the famous Costa Del Sol.

Crete, the largest of the Greek islands, was once the home of Minoan civilization. There is the Acropolis in Athens where 2,500 years ago western civilization rose to unprecedented heights and Kusadasi, a delightful resort and fishing port.

Greece has as many islands as legends. At last count they numbered 1,425. There are 9,50 miles of coastline with plenty of sun-drenched beaches and clear sparkling seas.

Along with its 3,000 years of heritage, Greece also has an assortment of posh nightclubs and fine restaurants. A peaceful stroll down winding cobblestone streets after dinner could be a romantic way to end the day.

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Making way for progress

To make way for the ever increasing number of restaurants on Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls, this house and two others were moved to Beaverdams Road and Booth street. At a cost of $10,000 each, they became the largest convoy of newly mobile homes in the area. Photo by J. Scott Hill

Drop-in centre offers hope to unemployed, inexperienced

Niagara College is acting as the corporate sponsor of a new employment centre which officially opened in Welland this fall.

Community Youth Employment Services, a drop-in centre servicing the Welland—Port Colborne area, is intended to ease young people's transition into the workforce.

"Interested youth just have to drop in," Gillian Boyce said. "The centre will act as an intake unit for people 15 to 24 years of age."

Ms. Boyce, the manager of professional services for youth programs for Niagara College, said the centre will "assess and screen its clients in regard to their employment desires, skills, experience and education and then attempt to help them reach their objectives."

Sponsored by the College, the centre is being funded through the Ministry of Skills Development with voluntary matching funds from various community sources, Ms. Boyce said.

8 full-time

The centre, located upstairs at 31 West Main St., at present has eight full-time workers including a receptionist-secretary, counsellors, an employer and community relations person, a workshop facilitator and a Canada Works grant team, Ms. Boyce said. Renatta Dinnocenzo. a graduate of Niagara College, is one of the cousellors at the centre.

Ms. Boyce said the individual couselling offered is a necessity. "With the difference in the ages, objectives and experience of our clients, the initial assessment is essential."

20-hour sessions

Following the initial assessment clients participate in a 20-hour group session workshop on techniques for getting a job. More counselling helps them decide their next move, whether it be skills or educational upgrading, or attempted employment.

This is only the first side of the service's activities. It deals with those seeking employment, but also with potential employers who can provide opportunities for subsidized job and training placement.

The service's staff visits potential job sites to assess owners' needs and provide them with information on the subsidized programs. The staff provides a follow-up program to get feedback from the employer and help the client adapt to the new situation, Ms. Boyce said.

Bilingual

The bilingual service centre has an up-dated job bank of employers willing to provide job opportunities. "We have already been contacted by employers from the community who are interested in the program," Ms. Boyce said. The service also draws from the pool of employers who have previously participated in similar programs.

To use the centre's services, young people must be unemployed, out of school, lacking proper work experience or necessary skills, or not be in the job field of their choice.

Helicopters appealing

Pilot training disciplined work

By L. SCOTT HILL
Staff Writer

There are times when a teacher can tell a student has his head in the clouds. Generally, that means the person is daydreaming.

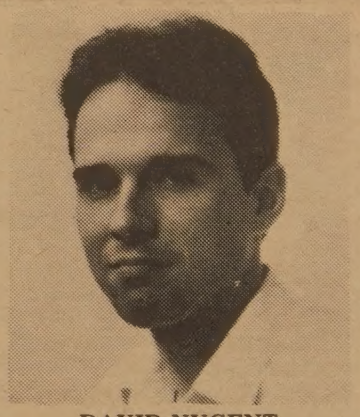
Unless it's 21-year-old David Nugent, a licensed helicopter pilot.

David started flying when he was 18. He went with a friend who was learning to fly airplanes and enrolled in a course offered by the Glenford Helicopter Service.

Learning to fly one of these machines takes a great deal of time and money. The student rate is about $165 for one hour of instruction. "I paid $18,000 for 5½ months of training to get my licence," David said. "The ground school costs another $400 plus books."

"On the first couple of lessons, I wasn't able to use all of the controls," he said. "They just wanted to give me as much practical experience as possible."

The training and testing procedure includes what is called an auto-rotation. During an auto-rotation the examiner will cut off



DAVID NUGENT

the power to the blades making the craft fall as if the engine had died. The trainee then has to pick out a spot and land on that spot exactly.

"I didn't get my licence the first time because I missed my auto-rotation landing point by 80 feet," David said. "That amounts to about five or six helicopter lengths."

He understands why people feel pilots should have more time in the air before getting their licence; David feels that 100 hours is more than adequate.

"The training is very well disciplined and during the examinations, if a trainee does the slightest thing wrong, he will not get his licence."

Tranquility

One of the most appealing elements of flying to him is the feeling of tranquility that he gets. There is a lot of work involved in keeping a helicopter aloft, especially in making the craft hover, he said. There are a number of directional and lift controls which must be manipulated precisely with one another.

He is confident that his future looks good. "I think that some time down the road, all these things will come together and work themselves out."

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Theatre/ Review

Laughter, shock, sighs of despair drawn by superb performances

By MARIE CHAMBERLAND
Staff Writer

Laughter, gasps of shock, and sighs of despair echoed through the Niagara College Theatre Centre last week.

The complex range of reactions was calculatingly drawn from the audience at a premiere of The Insect Comedy, which runs at the Centre, 54 Empire St., Welland, until Nov. 2.

The variety of emotions displayed by the audience was an obvious result of a great deal of time and effort invested by director Valerie Grabove, and everyone involved with the production.

The play's messages about humanity and its inhumanity are timeless, as valid today as when it was written in 1922. The viewer who expects humorous visual entertainment will come away with that, and much more. The story provides food for thought about the purpose of life.

Jim Hyslop plays excellently a vagrant who is led to some profound conclusions about human societies through the involuntary study of insect societies.

FLIRTATIOUS BUTTERFLIES

In the first of three acts, the levity of flirtation and romance is portrayed. Male and female butterflies with brightly colored gossamer wings continue an endless chase through the beautifully crafted set, designed by Terry Nicholls.

In Act 2, Darren R. Levstek gives a brilliant version of the Ichneumon Fly, whose main concern is feeding his always ravenous larva/daughter. While the Fly's dedication to responsibility is admirable, his utter disregard for lives of the feeding materials is appalling.

Equally outstanding performances are given by Melissa Batchilder as The Larva, Christine Logan as the scrumptious Female Cricket, and Margret Ferecz and Jim Ford as a couple of materialistic beetles.

Act 3 finds the Theatre Centre swarming with martial ants professing the propaganda of war for peace. The senselessness and irony of mass death and destruction by orderly means are well emphasized.

This production is a definite success for the Theatre Centre, Sets, Lighting, costumes, props and special effects, combined with superb performances and a story with an ever pertinent theme, make this a show to remember.

Insect Comedy production finally breathing easier

It was beginning to seem as if unknown forces would surely doom the Theatre Centre's production of The Insect Comedy.

Last year a teachers' strike stopped the show. This year, lack of a ventilation system in the old building which houses the Centre threatened the same.

Fortunately the Shaw Festival came to the rescue. Theatre Centre students were given the opportunity to use "the most up-to-date prop shop around," Doug Rathbun, technical director, said.

When it seemed as if the integral fibreglass coating of costume pieces couldn't be carried out due to delays in installation of a new ventilation system, Mr. Rathbun had to think fast. He called John Wilbur, production manager for the Shaw Festival Theatre, who "generously" invited students to use his work area to finish their costumes.

The Insect Comedy opened on Oct. 23, and will run at the Theatre Centre, 54 Empire St., Welland, till Nov. 2.

With this year's Health and Safety capital, the Theatre Centre bought a long-needed ventilation system, budgeted for $8,000.

The system was expected to be ready in time to handle potentially lethal fumes from the fibreglass resin being used to coat costumes and props, but a leaking roof surprised workmen, Mr. Rathbun said.

The Theatre Centre has operated since 1970 without any kind of ventilation system appropriate for the hazardous fumes created by many of the products used for hazardous fumes created by many of the products used for sets and costumes. Designer Terry Nicholls said he's had to teach some classes fibreglassing "entirely by lecture," which is impractical.

Students have also used masks with cartridges to filter acid, ammonia, and organic vapors. One student with a pacemaker, who is frequently involved with carpentry, has invested in an air stream respirator.

Sound a horror

Many of the students who attended the Rocky Horror Picture Show may have noticed the sound was not always great. Audio problems with the projector were the root of the problem; Ann Buller, activities programmer, was the solution, Ann said.

The audio on the projector was awful, she said, so an attempt was made to hook it up to the Aquaduck system but when the connection was made only static was heard.

"So I had to sit for the entire two hours holding these two wires together just touching," Ann said. There might be complaints about the sound "and that's because my hand moved. It was hard to sit there all that time holding them together, let me tell you."

There was another small problem with the second projector, Ann said. The second projector ate the film when it was time to run the second reel.

Heading down south

For most Niagara students the first week of December will be spent studying for exams, readying Christmas assignments and dreaming of warmer weather.

For 17 second-year tourism students the first week of December will be spent planning itinerary, unpacking bags and ... getting accustomed to the warm weather of Venezuela.

The students and teacher Bruce McNiven will spend one week in Caracas, Venezuela, touring and sightseeing.

Students Wanda Crocock and Sue Flooren said they thought the trip would broaden their horizons and give them valuable experience in world travel.

SPORTS

Soccer / Tennis

Two Niagara students compete in national soccer championships

Two Niagara College students and one college employee, players on the best women's soccer team in Ontario, travelled to Edmonton Oct. 10 to compete in the national senior women's soccer championships — the Women's Jubilee Shield.

Jacquie Boilard, first-year law and security student, Laurie Nicholas, nursing student, and Peggy VanSchyndel, an employee at the Mack Centre, played for the St. Catharines Jets this summer. The team beat five Ontario teams to win the Ontario Cup and clinch a spot for itself in the national finals.

In Edmonton, the Jets lost 2-0 to Quebec, then 3-0 to British Columbia. B. C. went straight to the finals since they tied with Quebec and had scored one more goal against the Jets.

With three minutes left in the championship game, in the second period of overtime, the Edmonton Angels squeezed in a 1-0 victory over B. C. to take the Canadian title for "the fourth time in a row," the Globe and Mail reported.

Quebec beat Nova Scotia in the consolation round and the Jets were last after losing to Manitoba in penalty shots.

Ontario Cup play leading to the Jubilee tournament was touch and go for the Jets.

"If we had had to play Scarborough, we could have lost," Jacquie said.

Scarborough placed first in the Jets' summer Golden Horseshoe league; Oakville came second; the Jets and the St. Catharines Selects were third and fourth.

"The reason we made it to the finals (of the Ontario Cup) was that Oakville beat Scarborough and we beat Oakville." The Jets never encountered Scarborough in Cup play.

As soon as a team lost, they were out. It was a knock-out tournament, she said.

The final Cup game was Sept. 8 against London Marconi, with a hard-fought winning score of 3-1.

The Jets left for Edmonton on Thursday, Oct. 10 and returned Oct. 15. A banquet was held for the players on Sunday. The only team that did not attend was Edmonton.

Kemp leads Niagara in OCAA tournament

The OCAA West Regional Tennis Tournament held Oct. 18 and Oct. 19 in London was a great success for Niagara College participants with players from three categories advancing.

Tim Kemp of Niagara took the men's singles title in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2, against Scott Christianson of Fanshawe.

Because there were many entries, the men's category was divided into two divisions.

Preliminary rounds in both men's and women's singles were one-set with 10 games required to win.

Tim and Scott both had 3-0 records leading up to their meeting in the finals.

The men's doubles team, represented by Graeme Hennessy and Mark Nelson, finished second. They defeated Lambton and St. Clair but lost to Fanshawe, 6-2, 6-2.

Tracy Morris and Carol Brown finished second in the women's doubles losing a three-set match to St. Clair, 4-6, 6-4, 2-6.

Tammy Bougher and Colin Reid played well for Niagara in the mixed doubles but did not qualify for the OCAA championships in St. Catharines.

Niagara did not have an entry in the women's singles category.

NC golfers 11th of 11

Niagara's golf team placed a sad 11th out of 11 at the Ontario College Athletic Association's tournament in Kitchener.

Conestoga took first place with a combined score of 646, Sheridan followed with 671 and Fanshawe was third with 685 in the tournament Sept. 26 and 27. Niagara had 745.

Bruce MacGregor totalled 176 for the two days, Adrian Viney scored 178, Graeme Hennessy had 181 and Pat Delaney, 210.

The top individual combined score was 155 by Mike Poutanen of St. Lawrence; second was John Danford of Georgian with 156 and Sean Conway of Conestoga was third with 159.

Sweeping under way

The curling season got under way for Niagara College curlers when they held their first practice at Welland Curling Club Oct. 20.

The 19 Niagara curlers play out of Welland, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, and Grimsby clubs depending on where they live. The first college event is a Niagara invitational bonspiel scheduled for Nov. 23 at Welland Curling Club. All 22 Ontario community colleges are invited but a one-day bonspiel tends to be localized, Bob Young, manager, said. "It's a safe bet to say we'll have teams from Fanshawe, Mohawk, and perhaps Seneca and St. Clair," he said.

Coach Don Papple said he will pick varsity teams after Christmas to represent the college in the Western Ontario Colleges Athletic Association playdowns in St. Catharines in February.

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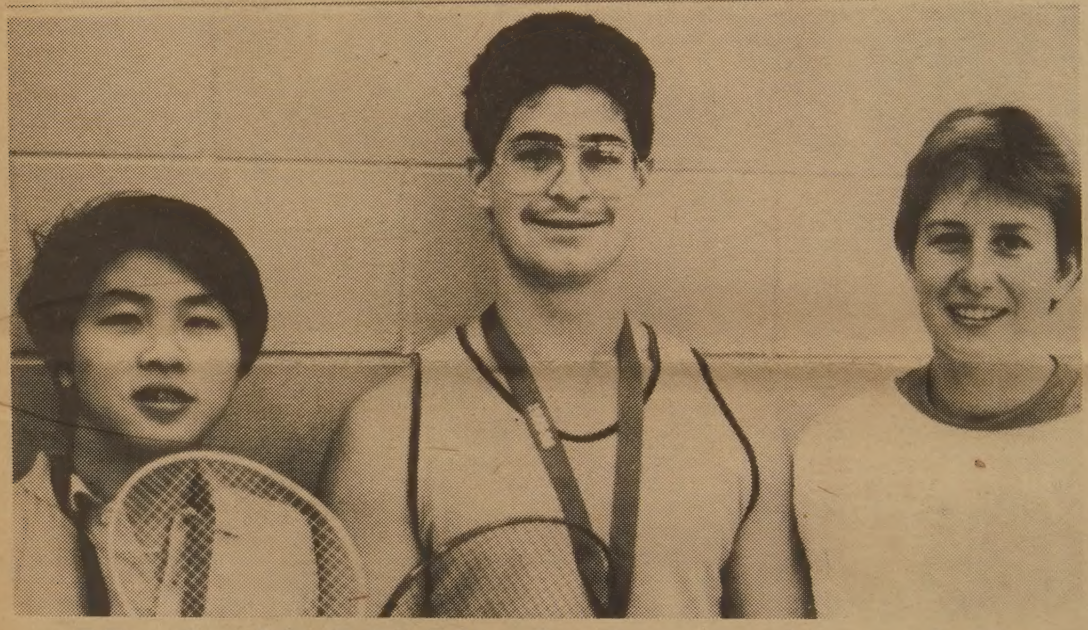
Ladies' doubles badminton champions

Lori McQuiggan, left, and Tammy Clark, right, both law and security students, are this year's intramural ladies doubles champions after emerging victorious in finals played Oct. 22. Presenting them with their awards is Misette Critelli, centre, physical education instructor at Niagara Colllege.



Men's doubles badminton champions

Kuen Lei left, a computer student and Jim Mucciarone, centre, came first in the 1985 intramural men's doubles badminton tournament completed Oct. 22. Their awards were presented by Misette Critelli, right, physical eduacation instructor at Niagara College.

Mixed doubles badminton champions

Mixed doubles champions at the same tournament are Brett Campbell, left, and Samantha Washington, centre. Both are first year law and security students. Misette Critelli, right, presented the champs with their medals.

Photos by Monte Sonnenberg

Knights drop two in heart-breaker

By HEATHER RITCHIE
Staff Writer

As the buzzer sounded for time-up, the basketball left the hands of a George Brown player and swished through Niagara's basket to decide the winner.

The men's and women's basketball teams lost to George Brown College in Toronto Oct. 18 in two excruciatingly close games.

The women's team, which was playing an exhibition game, lost 48-47 at the sound of the buzzer.

Mizette Critelli, coach, protested the final basket saying that the ball had not left the girl's hands before the buzzer went off. Referees stuck to their call that the points were good.

High scorers were Donna Czainski, 18; Marcia Vanderzanden, 10; Charlotte Prevost, 6; and Kaye Smith, 5.

The final score in the men's first game of league play was 71-66.

"Not all that bad,"coach Russ Stevenson said.

It was our first game without even a real scrimmage."

Vernon Bovell finished with 20 points; Fred Jashanmal, 9; Scott Gifford, 8; Larry Bone and John Croce, 7; Marty Fitzgerald and Carmine Coloroc, 6.

NIAGARA LED

Halftime in the women's game saw Niagara College ahead by seven points with 22. The second half was tight with both teams neck and neck for the winning basket.

With 30 seconds to go, the score was 44-43 for George Brown.

Donna put two foul shots through the hoop for Niagara to reverse the one-point lead.

George Brown snatched back their two points and with seconds left, Donna sank another basket to put Niagara ahead 47-46.

The final buzzer sounded and every player and spectator watched, frozen, as the ball made its way towards the basket at 48, George Brown, 47, Niagara.

Mary Gaudet, a Niagara player, thought the girls were too sure they had the game won after Donna's final basket, and that they slacked off in the last few seconds.

Miss Critelli said she was hoping the team would take more control of the game.

"We have to work on transition (from offence to defence)," she said. "We didn't do any different tonight than with Crossley."

Niagara played E.L. Crossley high school, 1984 SOSSA champs, in an exhibition game Oct. 16 and lost 61-41.

Miss Critelli said the team jelled better in the first game than in the other years, but that it was weak in depth because of numbers.

High scorers that night were Mary Gaudet and Charlotte Prevost, with 10; Nancy Thompson, 8; and Donna Czainski, 6.

MEN'S GAME

The men's game in Toronto was close and fast-paced.

"I've never seen a game with so much running up and down the court in my life," coach Barry Golob said.

Mr. Stevenson said the team should have slowed the game down a bit at times ; they got into George Brown's pace.

"The defence was relatively good but it sagged a little at the end," he said.

"Now maybe they'll settle down and get to work."

"We have potential, we just have to have the patience to do things right."

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William Urquhart, left, of the Canadian Hunger Foundation, and Olga Keith, right, peace educator with Worldwise, hold Thai needlework sold during World Food Day at the St. Catharines YMCA Oct. 16. Proceeds from the sale of crafts at the gathering go toward charitable works around the globe.
Photo by Monte Sonnenberg

Make food, not guns, peace educator asks

Poverty, hunger, and the repression of rights in Third World nations are conditions aggravated by current business policies in the Niagara region, peace educator Olga Keith said during World Food Day in St. Catharines.

Oppressive regimes in Latin America export vast amounts of coffee and bananas to North America while their own people endure malnutrition, Ms. Keith told the gathering in the YMCA Oct. 16. Small but powerful groups of families in Guatemala and El Salvador repress the dissatisfied masses with weapons provided by the United States. The input of local manufacturers to the needs of the American military industry contributes to this situation.

"There is a definite connection between the arms race and local manufacturers," Ms. Keith said. She cited as an example seminar and audio-visual presentation sponsored by the Niagara Regional Chamber of Commerce Sept. 19 giving advice to local manufacturers on securing military contracts from the U.S. This constituted indirect collusion with the policies of repression in the Third World.

"They may not be doing it consciously, but every penny devoted to the war machine — I won't call it defence — every penny they spend takes food away from children," Ms. Keith said.

Macintosh computer apple of their eye

Macintosh computers bought in the summer have thrust fashion arts advertising students into the age of technology and bring new opportunities for creativity.

The new equipment is a big advantage for the advertising and fashion design courses, and brings them up to industry standards, Eileen Muir, advertising instructor, said. They had been using typesetting equipment inherited from the defunct graphic arts program.

Many of the advertisements in this term's editions of the Niagara News have been produced with the aid of the new equipment.

cessing software that came with the package, the computers have been used to produce student hand-outs and assignments.

The main advantage of the Macintosh equipment is that students can operate it without lengthy lessons, Mrs. Muir said. "The beauty of it is its simplicity."

With the software program MacDraw, students can create a design, flip the image, change its perspective and its density, then print it out on a laser printer.

The computers will be used mainly for the advertising course, but will eventually be "eased into" other courses, such as fashion design, merchandising and retail control of the fashion boutique, Mrs. Muir said.

The equipment includes a Thunder Scan laser digitizer. Graphics are put through the machine, then appear on a computer screen. The image can be reduced or enlarged and new designs may be added. This technique was used for the Ring Day advertisement in the Sept. 30 Niagara News.

With the new computers, advertising students can keep a library of frequently used designs, known as a "clip art" service in the newspaper advertising field, Mrs. Muir said.

Information about cancer

A cancer phone line established in Hamilton six months ago is the first in Ontario and has received about 900 calls so far from people wanting the most up-to-date facts on cancer.

Free and confidential information is available on cancer prevention, risk factors, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and support services by dialing the toll-free number.

The Cancer Hotline sponsored by the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation with the Canadian Cancer Society employs trainedvolunteers, guided by professionals, to give information to callers in terms understood by all.

The Cancer Hotline toll-free number is 1-800-263-6718.

Foundation seeks to end world hunger

While many despair of a solution to famine-ravaged Africa, others roll up their sleeves and set to work with a determination bordering on the ideal. Take William Urquhart for instance.

Mr. Urquhart is chairman of the board of trustees of the Canadian Hunger Foundation, an organization dedicated to long-term solutions to poverty and hunger around the world. Funds raised through churches, corporate grants, membership drives and community service organizations are matched three to one by the government and finance 56 projects in 17 countries.

"We help people who are willing to help themselves," Mr. Urquhart told World Food Day in St. Catharines Oct. 16.

FROM SCRAP TO PLOWS

The Canadian Hunger Foundation recently began work toward a long-term solution in Ethiopia, Mr. Urquhart said. Blacksmiths have been trained to make plows, hoes, cultivators and other tools from scrap metal. Improvements made in India since the Canadian Hunger Foundation began projects there several years ago give cause for optimism in alleviating poverty and famine in Ethiopia.

Making a charitable donation should be done with care, Mr. Urquhart said.

"With some, their overhead is very, very high — some as high as 70 per cent."

The Canadian Hunger Foundation has seven people on the full-time payroll, Mr. Urquhart. The rest, including trustees, are volunteers. Of all expenditures, 9½ per cent covers organizational expenses while the rest is dedicated to development abroad.

Hockey team drops first two games

The Niagara College hockey team lost the first two league games to Penn State University but Coach Fred Bassi is optimistic.

"We have five league games before Christmas and I think we can win four of them," Mr. Bassi said.

The Knights dropped the first game to Penn State Oct. 18 by a score of 7-2. "We were physically dominated," Mr. Bassi said. Defencemen Cam Huffman and Bob Thrower scored the Niagara goal in the first game and played very well.

The next day, Penn State jumped into a quick four-goal lead after only six minutes of the second game but Niagara stormed back and trailed 4-3 after one period. "A few words of inspiration during the first period seemed to help," Mr. Bassi said. Niagara tood leads of 5-4 and 6-5 but could not hang on. Penn State came from behind to win 8-6. Carey Robert with two, John Allan, Cam Bedard, Mark Halliwell and Curtis Kelly with one apiece were the goal scorers for Niagara.

The Knights' next regular season game will be Nov. 2 when they entertain Niagara University at the Welland Arena.

Many elderly call Niagara region home

By ELIZABETH LeREVEREND
Staff Writer

The Niagara Region has one of the highest percentages of people over 65 in Ontario. A new Niagara College survey shows that care for this growing population is an increasingly important part of the health care field.

The human care survey, commissioned by the planning and development department at Niagara, identifies current labor trends and predicts training requirements. It is the second in a series of five surveys.

Staffing requirements in the Region's health care facilities are changing, but dependency on government funding makes planning for these changes difficult, the survey found.

"Attitudes toward care for the elderly are changing," Robert Baddeley, chairman of health sciences, said. There is an emphasis on home care to give the elderly their independence for as long as possible.

INCREASING ROLE

This change has made the field of home support workers and homemakers an increasingly critical part of the health care system, Mr Baddeley said.

Niagara College has received approval from the Ontario Council of Regents to start a home support worker/homemaker program, but it is not being offered yet.

The program depends on Canada Employment Centres to buy seats. But, while local offices recognize the need for the program, final approval has not been received from the federal and provincial levels. Mr Baddeley is hopeful the survey will speed up the seat-buying approval.

The 86 facilities responding to the survey identified an expected 10.1 per cent growth in the homemaker and home support worker fields.

Health care aides are employed mainly in nursing homes and homes for the aged, the survey found. One-third of all health care aides in the survey worked in four homes run by the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

EXPECT INCREASE

A growth rate of 4.9 per cent is expected in the health care field; but it maybe higher because of planned expansion of nursing homes and homes for the aged. Two new homes have received approval and are scheduled to open in the next two years.

Health care aides should be upgraded to registered nursing assistants, the survey said. Hospitals in the Region are phasing out orderlies by giving preference to registered workers.

The survey identified a new health care field--psychogeriatrics--to care for aging developmentally handicapped people.

Mr. Baddeley said the survey is "probably the first set of statistics on all the health occupations" and is a very useful document from a planning standpoint.

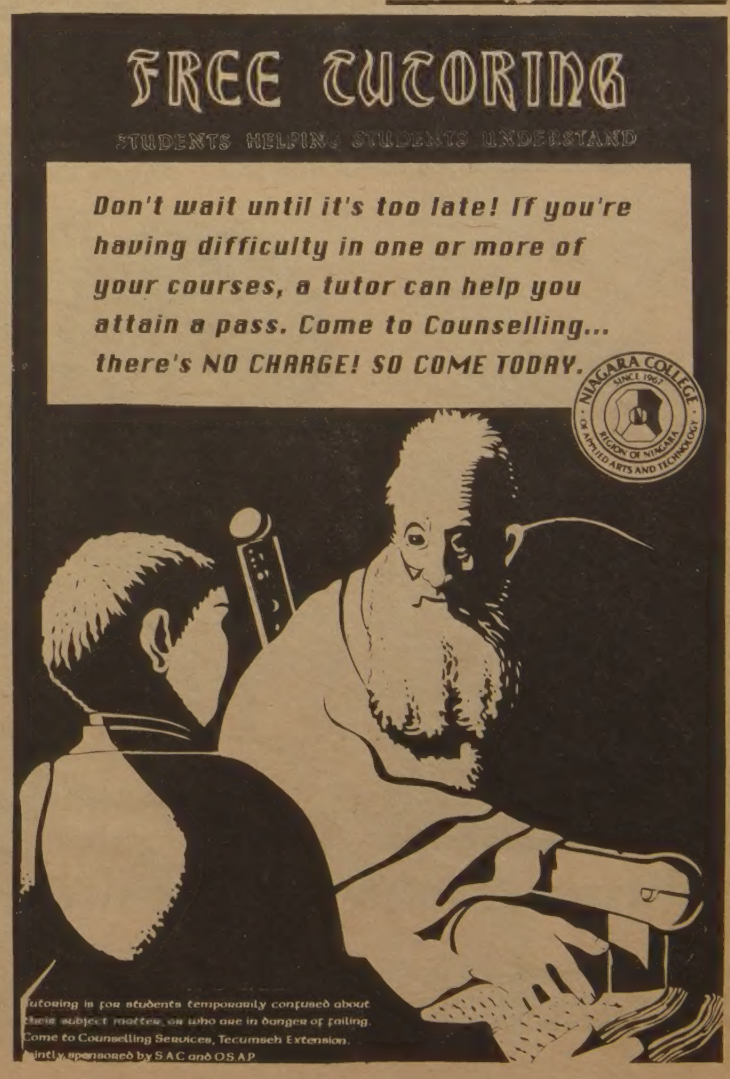
The survey team, co-ordinated by Carol Johnstone, covered 2,952 workers in hospitals, community nursing, senior citizens' residences and social service agencies.

LOST:

One girls graduation ring. A 1983 Lindsay Place High School, silver with an amethyst, has initials VC. Lost in the girls washroom across from the tourism office in the Merrit building. If found please return to the SAC office.

LOST:

One gold ring. Marked with University of New Brunswick; also has 1985 and BEd degree degree imprinted inside of band has initials E.J.H. engraved . If found, contact Jean Henry, secretarial studies, or call: 735-4167 after 6 p.m.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